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Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

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This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

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Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

- ☒ ^{Alternate 1}
~~The proposed~~ rail line is near my home.
- ☐ The proposed rail line is near my business.
- ☒ ^{Alternate 1}
~~The proposed~~ rail line crosses my property
- ☐ Other, please specify
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2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

My 1st concern is it ~~could~~ ^{will} cause my property value should this rail cross my property. (who decides how close a rail line can come to a residential house? - anyone?). The next biggest concern is for my family. I have 2 small children and I worry for their safety. Also for the safety of the children that ride the school bus that picks up my kids for school. This railway would affect part of my livelihood by taking away my oak field. we tree our cats to our animals, also sell some. We moved to Medina Co. (to our farm) to give our children the chance to live a quiet life in the country - to be able to raise animals, farm, fish. we didn't move to a place to have a rail line go thru our property - right through our front yard!

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

What makes me sick is the thought of a company condemning a persons property for its own use! If Vulcan has such "deep pockets" - why not pay EVERYONE better than market value for their property - so they can move & take care of their families. But no, they bought a rail line and will now ~~prop~~ probably condemn property to get what they want. This is not fair for us ordinary people - who work hard for what ~~they~~ ^{we} earn. My concern is not just for my family but also my friends and neighbors who are in the same situation.

Thank you for your comments.